

Puget Sound Leadership Council
Meeting Summary
WSU Research Center
16650 State Route 536
Mount Vernon, Washington
July 29 & 30, 2010

DAY 1

Members Present:

- Bill Ruckelshaus
- Diana Gale
- Steve Sakuma
- Bill Wilkerson (portion of the meeting only)

*It is intended that this summary be used along with notebook materials provided for the meeting.
A recording of this meeting is retained by Puget Sound Partnership as part of the formal record.*

Action Items:

- Election of vice-chair
- Adopt Ecosystem Dashboard Indicators

Meeting Summary:

- Open Meeting
 - Puget Sound Science Update and Policy Interface
 - Budget/Funding
 - Floodplain Management
 - Action Agenda: Public Engagement and Stewardship
 - Partner Spotlight: Northwest Straits Commission
 - Agency Update
 - Board Business
 - 6-month review of Executive Director Workplan
 - ECB Appointments (Whidbey and Whatcom/San Juan)
 - Performance Management
 - Dashboard Indicators
 - Setting 2020 Targets
 - Monitoring
 - Stormwater Monitoring Workgroup
 - Monitoring Program Structure
 - 2011 Legislation
 - Stormwater Funding
 - Oil Spill Prevention Program
 - Shoreline Protection
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Day 1

CALL TO ORDER

Leadership Council Chair Bill Ruckelshaus called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., although a quorum was not yet present. Any decisions would be postponed until a quorum was met. He reviewed the agenda for the two-day meeting.

Agency Updates

Deputy Director Gerry O'Keefe reported that the organizational chart was not ready for this meeting but he will provide one shortly. Staff is making changes to the chart to better show the connection between the Governor, Leadership Council, and agency.

Staffing Update

- Todd Hass, the new Oil Spill Policy Specialist, will begin August 2 and be formally introduced at the September meeting
- Ken Currens was introduced as the new Science Program Director. Gerry noted how delighted the Partnership is to have Ken on staff. Chair Ruckelshaus echoed the sentiments and noted how Ken's experience is very deep and wide. Gerry noted how Ken is not only a scientist, but also a good communicator
- David Jennings, the new Chief Information Officer, will attend Day 2 of this meeting. David is with the Partnership half-time through an interagency agreement with the Department of Health

Gerry reported that we have funding for or anticipate receiving funding for an additional 8-12 positions. We are waiting for approval to start hiring. The Office of Financial Management (OFM) has our hiring plan, and it sounds like the Governor has approved this plan for temporary positions. We need to get work done and part of being able to do that is having the capacity. We will continue to work to get the staff in place to do the work. Gerry reported that we heard from an outside group that they think we are moving too fast.

Move Update

We are still on target to move into the Tacoma office around September 2. The space is too small for the number of staff we have, so some staff spaces will be built for staff to share. We will have a limited number of spaces for staff and a conference room in both Seattle and Olympia.

Diana Gale suggested Gerry look into movable desk drawers. Gerry noted that computers are now a type of movable desk, but we still need to find a way to get the whole staff together. David Dicks stressed the need to get people together in one spot as a way for the group to work better together. The University of Washington and City of Tacoma also occupy the building. The grand opening of the building will be held on September 9.

SCIENCE PROGRAM

David St. John and Science Panel Chair, Timothy Quinn, provided the science program update. (See meeting materials for details.)

Puget Sound Science Update (PSSU)

David and Tim reported that the Puget Sound Science Update serves as a state of the art summary of science related to ecosystem-scale protection and restoration of Puget Sound and helps to ensure credible science transparently informs policy. It will be presented as a web-based wiki to allow open access to the information and an on-going managed peer-review process. Portions of the report are complete and ready for web posting, the remainder will be completed this summer. Experts will review the information before it is posted on the open wiki. Gatekeepers will be assigned to the wiki site and care will be taken regarding how and when information is added.

Tim explained that the information to be posted will be peer-reviewed. Some gray areas exist with agency documents that contain a lot of information but have not been officially peer reviewed. We will need to figure out how to review this information before posting it.

Sections 1A, 1B, 2A and 2B (extended outline form) of the Update are finished and should be available on the web soon. Sections 3-4 are nearing completion, and we expect them to be posted on the web in August 2010. The synthesis document will be on a schedule similar to, and dictated by, the policy implications paper.

Tim explained Section 1A content identifies the dashboard indicators and this information shows the transparent process for identifying those indicators.

PSSU Policy Implications

Tim explained how this policy document is where policy-makers let the scientists know what information is needed to make progress. The Science Panel will then use this document to help develop or revise the Biennial Science Work Plan and Strategic Science Plan.

David St. John described how staff is developing this document and the process used to acquire information. At this meeting he will be discussing the proposed questions with the Council. As we develop this document, we will need to figure out how to disseminate the information to all audiences.

The boards and staff have the following responsibilities in developing of this document:

- Science Panel – scoping and substance development
- Partnership Policy staff – scoping, project management, and communication planning
- Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) – scoping, reviewing, and incorporating into policy consideration
- Leadership Council – scoping, reviewing, and incorporating into policy consideration

Schedule for completion of this document:

- Finalize the scope and questions - beginning of August
- Science Panel work on substance development – August and September
- Workshop - fall 2010
- Final product - late fall 2010

Tim Quinn talked about how this document links with the indicators, which will be discussed on Day 2 of this meeting. Dashboard indicators are to show the overall health of Puget Sound; they are the vital signs of the ecosystem. This document will be used to identify questions that the

policy-makers wanted answered because some of the indicators have been used to answer different questions and may need to be adjusted. Tim explained how the open standards process and Chapter 3 of the PSSU explain the connection between these two processes.

Tim then explained how threats should be linked to an indicator, but he stated there are other things that may show results sooner than the indicators. Some of the indicators will be political indicators and others will be science.

Chair Ruckelshaus noted how outreach to elected officials and policy-makers will be important.

David Dicks explained how the Partnership is trying to figure out what is needed to restore Puget Sound in a scientific way. Yes this will make some people nervous but the point is to figure out what needs to happen and then hand off to the policy people to figure out how to make it happen. He believes the framing questions in the Action Agenda still work and this document should be used to help to answer those three questions.

Tim noted that the Science Panel is asking the policy groups “where in your world are you missing information to make these decisions.” There is lots of uncertainty and scientists would love to study it all but we need to focus on where the policy-makers are stuck because they lack the science. In getting things done, are you stuck because of missing science or lack of political will?

The Leadership Council discussed the possible questions provided in the meeting materials and the use of open standards as a discipline.

Public Comment

Terry Williams, Tulalip Tribe, talked about how this had worked concerning the Snohomish River and salmon recovery. In their process the question they asked was what the limiting factor for salmon recovery and the answer was that the Delta had been converted to agricultural land so they have set about getting that estuary back. He then talked about how land use practices have effected the hydrological cycle and the upland landscape. They are looking at ways to use current technology to fix the problems but that part of the problem is a political issue and unless we can work together we won't be able to make progress. He suggested the Council look at land use indicators.

Chair Ruckelshaus thought there might be connections to the Action Agenda and we may need to better understand the watershed then is currently written for the Snohomish watershed. He suggested Terry look at the Action Agenda write-up and make sure it is sufficient.

Terry thinks we are heading in the right direction and the science team is doing a good job. He noted that the issue is funding, don't have enough now and won't have later so need to make sure we are funding the most important items.

Tim Quinn asked Leadership Council member to provide any other questions they think of to him or David St. John. The process moving forward will be finalized in the next couple weeks.

BUDGET/FUNDING

Jim explained that the Council is not being asked to make decisions on the budget at this meeting. Staff will bring the decision package to the Council for final approval in September. Since this is due on September 1, staff will need to request approval from the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to submit after the September 16-17 Leadership Council meeting. (See meeting materials for details.)

Jim explained the current status of the report on the 2011-13 Action Agenda Cost Estimate. He is providing an update at this meeting with final approval at the September meeting.

Jim explained how he will incorporate Pam Bissonette's stormwater funding assessment work into the final Cost Estimate Report.

Council members asked if the funding spent by local governments will be included in the report. Jim noted that we did not survey this information, although the stormwater report does include some of this information. He could do more on this if the Council wishes, but local cutbacks will create additional pressures on local staff. The report covers only two-years, not the funding needed to get us to 2020. Jim has received information from all the state agencies now, but he still needs to do some more work with the federal groups. He will also work with the cities and counties to gather some additional information. He noted that we are not getting funding information from NGOs. The Council would like to find a way to communicate all the good work being done and the thousands of people helping – but preferably not in a state report.

David Dicks agreed it would be good to illustrate the NGOs contributions with a pie chart delineating state, federal, local, and private contributions. We want to show more than what the state agencies do; we need to tell the whole story.

Jim will bring both the proposed budget and cost estimate report to the Leadership Council for approval at the September meeting.

Federal EPA RFP

Jim reported that EPA has released a 44-page request for proposal (RFP) for implementation of the Action Agenda. The response to the RFP is due on September 1. This is an open competitive process, to which the Partnership is responding and hopes to be selected. It's unclear who else will apply.

Of the total federal EPA funding, \$15-20 million remains. EPA is looking to distribute this funding through several different categories. The RFP for distribution of these funds should be released shortly.

Diana Gale **MOVED** to endorse applying for the EPA grant. Steve Sakuma **SECONDED**. The Leadership Council **APPROVED** endorsement for the staff to apply for the EPA funding.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Pete Granger, Washington Sea Grant, provided an update on the Sea Grant work. He introduced the person who is working on the green shores project and talked about the dock walkers who will hand out the pump out flyer. (See meeting materials for flyer.)

Fred Felleman, Friends of the Earth, express his thanks to the indicators team for taking input, although he would have preferred a more formal process. The environmental caucus provided a letter that he hopes the team will consider. He is not sure what the parameters will be for the indicators. The amount of time orcas spend in the Sound has changed, so this may be a better indicator than number of whales born.

Fred has a program to provide educational information on the ferries. He would be happy to provide a presentation of it at a future meeting.

He expressed the desire to get more information to the boaters and since all boaters need to be registered, informational flyers might be included in the registration packets.

Now that the well in the Gulf has been capped and it is no longer a major news story, he hopes the Partnership's Oil program is in place soon. He reported that Washington lost a lot of equipment to the Gulf so we need to figure out how to replace it with new technology. He is meeting with the Makah Tribe tomorrow and looking at state of the art equipment. He hopes the Partnership will support acquisition of the new equipment.

Randy Kinley, Lummi Nation and Tribal Representative on the Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB), would like to see the Partnership prioritize what is needed and the science put into policy. A lot of resources are being spent, but the Tribes are still having problems. There needs to be a level playing field. We need to be careful when we put things in place that it doesn't put us at odds with each other. Tribes are always concerned about resources. He is concerned the Tribes haven't had time to get together and agree on the proposed indicators and dashboard. He would like to see what we are getting for all the money being spent. Everybody has budget problems and is waiting for someone else to come up with the money. If we are serious about cleaning up the Sound, we need to have secure funding sources, such as a flush tax, and show the economic value of the work being done. Fear of the unknown is what causes paranoia.

Chair Ruckelshaus thanked Randy for his comments and noted that part of the indicators focus on human wellbeing. The statute to restore the health of Puget Sound includes prosperity (human economy). We need to communicate the connection between the health of the Sound and the prosperity for the region.

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

David St. John and Millie Judge presented this information. (See meeting materials for details.)

David St. John explained why this report was done, how floodplains are important in the Puget Sound, and how they link with the Action Agenda goals. He described how FEMA implements the National Flood Insurance Program and works with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and its effects on ESA. They are now working with the Corps, which has a

vegetation standard. He told how the ESA and vegetation standards are at odds, and they are trying to find a way to meet the needs of both sides.

Before writing the report, Millie Judge went on a fact-finding mission. She discovered there is a lot of disagreement about the use of floodplains. She reported that land use regulations have not been effective in limiting urban growth in floodplains because she discovered there is a lot of infrastructure located there..

She found conflicting regulations with no overarching state guidance. Federal agencies say they don't have authority, and local governments say their authority is at the wrong scale.

Several recommendations were included in the report including:

- Adopt a new floodplain policy statement
- Build support for change here and in Washington, D.C.
- Take action – solve urgent problems, increase ecological protection in floodplains and nearshore areas using programs, research, and technology
- Educate and advocate for floodplain and nearshore goals
- Change the laws – reform federal and state laws to conform to the new policy

David St. John talked about the need to work the floodplain issue at several different levels and to coordinate with other states also working on this issue before we go to Washington DC. Early focus is on:

- Army Corps levee standards
- FEMA's new flood insurance program requirements
- Creation and adoption of a new floodplain management policy
- Adoption of Action Agenda strategies
- Addressing resource and technical constraints

Due to the large number of comments the Corps received, the September deadline has been moved to December.

Steve Landino, Director of the Washington Habitat Office for the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) joined the discussion. Steve reported that Will Steele is writing a letter regarding the need to work together to address the levy vegetation standards issue. Chair Ruckelshaus asked if it would also help to have the Partnership provide a letter. Steve said it would definitely help. NMFS will be requesting additional time to develop a regional framework.

Bill Wilkerson made a **MOTION** for the Partnership to send a letter of support. Diana Gale **SECONDED**. The Council **APPROVED** the proposal for the Partnership to send a letter of support along with Will's letter.

Mark Carey, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), explained the FEMA floodplain insurance program (NFIP) and stated that many Puget Sound and King County communities are in the highest-rated (safe) group. He reported that FEMA accepted the Biological Opinion but they can't take on all the issues on their own; they need partners. FEMA remains committed to fixing the NFIP and supports Millie's report and recommendations. Much work is needed to bring the NMFS and FEMA together, and 122 local communities get caught in the middle. He needs the Partnership's assistance. Mark reported that the President has brought a group

together to work on changes. The NFIP is the same across the whole nation although some people think it should be adapted to the individual region. There has also been some discussion to privatize the program and to charge at actuary rates.

David St. John noted the near term desire is to support the work of Ecology, FEMA, and local jurisdictions. He reviewed the process for creating a floodplain management policy.

The Council discussed problems with all the different regulations and public concerns.

Public Comment

Bob Carey, The Nature Conservancy, is pleased the Partnership is looking at this issue because floodplains are an important part of the ecosystem. We need to get the floodplains right to accomplish Puget Sound restoration. The FEMA Biological Opinion helps to prevent problems, but it doesn't solve existing ones. A written policy statement is needed. Much of the attention is focused on the regulatory piece, but we need more to get the incentives to work.

Diana asked about Bill's suggestion to refuse payment for rebuilding in the floodplain more than once. He is okay with that since it is both an incentive and a disincentive, but it requires some national policy changes to make it work.

Dan Siemann, National Wildlife Federation, reported that his group filed the lawsuit concerning the BiOp. He is working with the groups involved and is also working to resolve the issues the BiOp can't fix. He commended David St. John, Millie Judge, and the Partnership for this work. His question to the Partnership is, "What do you do now that you have this report and information?" Floodplains are critical to the recovery of Puget Sound. The third part is the public safety issue and more than a billion dollars has been spent on floodplain safety issues. He suggested that the Partnership focus on fixing the existing problems and make floodplain management a legislative priority in 2011. He would also like to see the report publicized and use its recommendations to develop the legislative strategy. In other words, don't meddle with the implementation of the BiOp; focus instead on fixing existing problems.

The Floodplain issue will come back to the Leadership Council for additional support.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: NORTHWEST STRAITS COMMISSION (NWSC)

A panel consisting of Terry Williams (chair), Kathy Fletcher, Ginny Broadhurst, Jonathan White, and Caroline Gibson provided an overview and history of the Northwest Straits Commission. (See meeting materials for details.)

Program highlights:

1. Forage Fish – 9 counties mapped; habitat suitability model; data review; scientific recommendations; information exchange
2. Marine Resources Committee (MRC) – structure, work areas, advancing the Action Agenda, leveraging of funds, protecting and restoring Puget Sound by passionate involvement and valuable connections
3. Derelict fishing gear removal project

For more information see www.nwstraits.org.

ACTION AGENDA: PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & STEWARDSHIP

Lynda Ransley introduced Dave Ward who gave this presentation. (See meeting materials for details.)

Dave talked about the Partnership's social strategy, which is focused on the 4.3 million Puget Sound residents who are not the people at this meeting. These people say that Puget Sound is important but don't think about how they affect it.

Dave provided an overview of the Partnership's education and outreach team organization and its two main programs: Puget Sound Starts Here and ECONet.

Chair Ruckelshaus suggested using the Puget Sound Science Update to interact with people and to both educate and get them involved.

Dave talked about the need for three actions: behavior change, issue awareness, and social and institutional infrastructure. All three need to be in place or the program might fall apart.

4:52 p.m. **RECESS FOR EVENING**

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DAY 2

Members Present:

- Bill Ruckelshaus
- Martha Kongsgaard
- Diana Gale
- Dan O'Neal
- Steve Sakuma

RECONVENE

Chair Ruckelshaus reconvened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone. He reviewed the presentations and actions taken on the first day of the meeting and reviewed the agenda for today.

ECB Appointment

Martha Kongsgaard reviewed the ECB appointment process and said that at today's meeting the Leadership Council is to appoint two representatives, one each for the San Juan/Whatcom County and Whidbey Basin Action Areas.

She described the San Juan/Whatcom County Action Area and stated that the statute reads the ECB can only have one representative for this Action Area. The Partnership would need to request a legislative change to split the San Juan/Whatcom County Action Area into two areas, so until that happens the Leadership Council can only appoint one representative.

Martha provided the recommendation to appoint Bob Kelly as the San Juan/Whatcom County ECB representative and to ask Bob Myhr to be the alternate, at least until the legislation is changed and a second position is in place. She also recommended the appointment of Ron Wesen as the Whidbey Basin Action Area representative and Bill Blake as the continuing alternate.

The Council **APPROVED** appointment of Bob Kelly and Ron Wesen as Action Area representatives on the ECB.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

6-month review of Executive Director Work Plan

David Dicks reviewed his current work plan and the combined agency work update. He noted that Deputy Director, Gerry O'Keefe, will manage day-to-day office operations and work.

Gerry added that staff is currently linking their individual and team-level work plans to the agency's strategic plan. He will give an overview in September.

David stated the need to establish a system to allocate discretionary funds and then explained how the proposal to do this will be included in the EPA RFP response. A draft of the system will be provided to the Council at its September meeting.

The Council observed that some of the proposed due dates have changed in the Executive Director work plan and asked if this will be adjusted. David will provide the Council with a revised work plan and written status update prior to the end of the year.

The Council began a discussion on the pursuit of dedicated funding but cut it short, as they will be discussing this issue in more detail during the afternoon legislative discussion. Diana Gale gave recognition and thanks for the work done by Chair Ruckelshaus and Executive Director Dicks for the funding that has been directed to the Partnership.

Foundation

David reported that he had a good meeting with the Northwest Straits Commission (NWSC) and suggested we talk more to them about their foundation and how it works. This might be helpful in establishing the Puget Sound Partnership Foundation.

Focus Areas

Fee in lieu – Chris Townsend provided a brief overview of the program and reported that we are on track for approval of the program by January 2011. He clarified the \$4 million provided by the Legislature is for pilot projects. He explained that staff used a competitive process to select the two pilot sites in Pierce and Thurston Counties and that we are nearly ready to sign the contracts.

The Council would like a detailed discussion of the Fee in Lieu Program at a future Leadership Council meeting.

Hood Canal – David described changes to the Hood Canal Coordinating Council (HCCC) to better work with the Partnership. He noted a possible NOAA modeling project and the local EcoNet “Do some good for the Hood” program.

Partner Designation – David explained this statutory requirement is a lot more complicated than we thought it would be. Staff has been discussing a partner recognition program with less of a link to the state grant and loan program. He would like Council input.

Council asked if the issue is definition or need. David explained that it is hard to figure out how to weight the level and how to balance the process. The intent of the legislation is good and a way to reward those who are doing good work, but doing so in a fair manner is challenging.

The Council agreed that we want and need partners. This proposal is a way to generate attention and support of the program. We might want to have a tiered program: one being recognition, and another being funding. We have lots of partners already but we need a way to formalize this. A subgroup will work on this and bring ideas to the Council.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

Dashboard Indicators

John Becker provided an overview of the work to date and objectives for today's meeting. This includes the approval of:

- List of dashboard indicators
- Statement of Action moving forward

He reviewed recent changes made to and the status of the list of indicators:

- Jellyfish replaced with Pacific herring
- Personal vehicle miles traveled replaced with the behavioral index (under construction)
- Puget Sound Regional Council's "trends index" will be replaced with the Puget Sound Quality of Life Index (under construction)

He is working with the Indicator Champions to further improve the indicators.

Statement of Action

The Leadership Council affirms the Dashboard of Ecosystem Indicators and is committed to:

1. The Indicators Action Team completing the documentation of the process used to derive the current list of Dashboard Indicators
2. A research program determining the social resonance of the Dashboard of Ecosystem Indicators with the public
3. Conducting regularly scheduled reviews of the Dashboard of Ecosystem Indicators to improve the Dashboard, keeping it consistent with scientific findings and public input

John and the Councilmembers discussed the initial list of dashboard indicators, and they plan to take what we have, build on that, and improve them each year. John would like the Council to review the list of dashboard indicators on an annual basis.

Ken Currens clarified how the operational definition of the indicators needs to be developed. Some of the concerns listed in a letter from the environmental caucus will be addressed during this process. Ken mentioned how some of the questions we need to answer are social decisions not science. He also communicated the different ways to present the information – roll up or not rolled up indicators. He stated we will always have different perceptions about what should be presented and how.

Public Comment

Dave Peeler, People for Puget Sound, talked about the letter from the environmental caucus. He said indexes can show all kinds of things, but for the most part indexes are for the general public and legislators. The water quality index hasn't been a good indicator in the past, so it is unclear whether it will be a good indicator this time. However, since these indicators will be reviewed and changed over time, he is perfectly happy to move ahead.

The Council asked about the communication plan for the dashboard. John reported that staff is working on the final plan, but so far we are looking at a press release, a FAQ sheet, and interviews with key leaders. He wants to roll out the communication plan.

Steve Sakuma stressed the need to make sure we are speaking in a common voice, and the first place he would start is with the staff. We should be encouraged to tell the story and make sure it is the same story. Martha Kongsgaard would like to add a narrative that we could all

share – a “What are you doing at the Partnership” list” We need a story with a great ending that we can all articulate. Gerry agreed the central organizing principal is to tell the story of what we are doing and how our strategies are doing.

Martha Kongsgaard **MOVED** adoption of the 20 dashboard of ecosystem indicators and the proposed statement of action. Diana Gale footnoted the need for a structured plan for review. She then **SECONDED** the motion. Council members **APPROVED** the dashboard of indicators and statement of action.

David Dicks and the Council all thanked John Becker, the indicator champions, and the staff for the good work.

Setting Targets

David St. John provided an overview of the work and timeline for target setting. Staff is working to have 3-5 initial targets ready for Leadership Council approval by February 2011. The initial list includes restoration of shellfish beds, eelgrass, and estuaries.

David reminded the council that setting targets will be more difficult than setting indicators. Staff plans to review the initial targets at the September Leadership Council meeting.

MONITORING

Stormwater Monitoring Workgroup

Panel of Chris Townsend, Nathalie Hamel, Jim Simmonds, and Karen Dinicola presented this portion of the agenda. (See meeting materials for details.)

Jim and Karen provided an overview of the Stormwater Monitoring Workgroup report. This was a briefing only.

Monitoring Program Structure

Chris Townsend provided an overview of the Monitoring Program structure and asked the Council to postpone any decision on governance until the program has had the opportunity to get in place. The Launch Committee will not address the governance structure but will address the roles, responsibilities, and processes, which may help to identify a clear path forward on governance.

Nathalie provided an update of the Launch Committee and its assignment to develop a framework for the monitoring program.

Chair Ruckelshaus asked Nathalie to convey to the Launch Committee that they need not worry about whether the monitoring program is in the Partnership or with an independent entity. They need to figure out the details and then the Leadership Council will be able to make the best decision when all the facts are in place. Chris Townsend noted the Launch Committee’s report is due by January 2011 and that the Leadership Council would look at addressing the location of governance structure after that.

Public Comment

Dave Peeler, People for Puget Sound, reported that he is on the Launch Committee and agrees the best idea is to put off the governance question, thereby allowing the Launch Committee do its work.

Jacques White, Long Live the Kings, summarized the whole morning's work on indicators and monitoring. He recalled that three years ago three things were supposed to happen: clear actions, indicators, and to sell Puget Sound recovery like it is Coca-Cola. He wouldn't make too big a deal to the public about developing the indicators until we develop specific indices for where we want to be. The people will need more information to get behind the indicators. He also noted that the quality of life indicator is still a placeholder and it may need to be a roll up.

Sono Hashisaki stated the need for appropriate baselines in order to tell the story of a healthy ecosystem. She encouraged the Partnership to get the whole story.

Diana Gale **MOVED** approval of the Launch Committee. Martha Kongsgaard **SECONDED**. Council **APPROVED**.

LEGISLATION

David Dicks introduced this agenda item noting that the Governor will be stopping in at about 2:30. This gives us about an hour to finish the presentation. (See meeting materials for details.)

Stormwater

Pam Bissonette and Joan Lee provided an overview of the stormwater project they have been contracted to do. Joan clarified the methodology, cost estimates for, and analysis of retrofits.

Chris Townsend reported that the outcome we are hoping for this legislative session is a secure funding source based on the work by Pam and Joan.

Michael Grayum noted that Chris is the lead on this topic for the agency and will be communicating with stakeholders and will share more details in September.

Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) Program

Lisa Veneroso outlined the WDFW legislation concerning the HPA proposal. The agency is still working on outreach and development of the details, but they would like to make some progress to protect fish. Most landowners do not like these permits because they don't think what they are doing should require a permit or they think the permits are too stringent. The positive side of this program is the interaction with the local regional technical staff where they assist the landowner and work on the best way to protect fish.

Steve Sakuma appreciates what Lisa is up against. He has worked with HPA and would suggest stepping up outreach and provide consistency in answers. We don't want people shopping for the person who will give the answer they want.

Shoreline protection

Josh Baldi provided an overview of Ecology's green shoreline legislative proposal. This covers the use of soft armoring (native vegetation, boulders, etc.) when installing new or repairing older bulkheads while still providing property owners the necessary protections using more environmentally beneficial techniques.

Oil Spill

Jon Neel (Ecology) and Marc Daily (WDFW) reviewed the oil spill programs in Ecology and WDFW and gave comparisons with the Gulf Spill. Jon also reviewed the budget and funding gap and noted that if the oil spill funding gets down to the tax level, then they will need to cut another nineteen staff persons from the program. He provided a high level update, but since time was short for this meeting, he would like to return to this issue in more detail at a later date.

Next steps:

- Convene Oil Spill Cross Partnership Workgroup
- Hold stakeholder workshops
- Release interim report on the oil spill program by December 1, 2010

This agenda item will come back to the Council in September.

Partnership's Legislative Next Steps

Michael reported that the Partnership is proposing three priorities for the 2011 legislative session:

1. Funding for Action Agenda implementation, including stormwater pollution
2. Improving shoreline protection
3. Increasing funding and necessary protections for oil spill prevention and response

He will also provide the Council with a list of near-term actions that other agencies are working on. He will be setting up meetings with legislators and would appreciate any Leadership Council members attending the meetings.

The Council discussed the role they should play and appropriate level of comment they should make when it comes to the legislation of other agencies. They need to be supportive where the legislation aligns with the Action Agenda. Staff will provide more information on pending legislation prior to the next Leadership Council meeting. Chair Ruckelshaus asked to be provided with the description, how it links to the Action Agenda, and what the desired outcome is for the legislative session.

Martha would like staff to keep the Council updated on other legislation they are tracking that could affect the Partnership. Michael agreed to this and reported that there is a lot happening in transportation and growth proposals through the Department of Commerce.

GOVERNOR VISIT

Governor Gregoire just came from the Kiket Island State Park. This is the first co-owned state park co-managed with Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and state parks. This park has a pretty amazing story and sets precedence for future co-managed efforts.

She attended this meeting to be with Chair Bill Ruckelshaus when he announced that he is stepping down as the Leadership Council Chair.

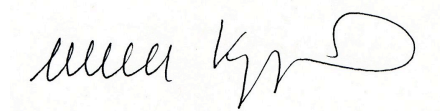
Bill talked about how he has a lot of other things on his plate now and it has become apparent to him that now is the time to step down. This has been a very rewarding experience for him. He asked everyone to not forget the importance of what we are doing. He assured everyone that his health is fine and joked that he doesn't believe we are sick of him yet. He will stay involved through the Ruckelshaus Center and the Foundation. He appreciates the work that David has done in getting through this first phase of the Partnership's work and noted how having the Governor's support has been very helpful in our work.

The Governor expressed her appreciation for Bill's leadership and the amount that has been accomplished. She read a proclamation making July 30, 2010, Bill Ruckelshaus Day. She stressed how we are at a critical stage; we need to get this all on the ground so the people join with us. People look out at the Sound on a beautiful and sunny day like today and everything looks fine. We need to make sure the public understands the Sound's problems and what they can do to help. The Governor noted what an amazing team Chair Ruckelshaus and Vice Chair Kongsgaard have been. Since we can't move forward without a chair, the Governor appointed Martha Kongsgaard as the new chair of the Leadership Council.

Martha Kongsgaard made her acceptance speech, making a special point to thank Bill's personal assistant, Diane Hodgson for all her work with the Partnership and Leadership Council.

3:55p.m. ADJOURN

Leadership Council Approval



Martha Kongsgaard, Chair

April 28, 2011
Date